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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the non-U.S. documents is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,493,099  
Japan 09-190313  
Japan 10-333844  
Japan 11-129583

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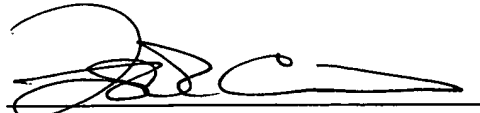
English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

In addition, it is noted that U.S. Patent 6,493,099 is an English language counterpart of Japan 11-129583 and therefore, the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language document is believed to be satisfied by the U.S. counterpart.

This Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal. Since the thus-refiled application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that the Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,  
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Respectfully submitted,

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